

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6-15 remain pending in the application, claim 1 being canceled herein.

There are no new issues, nor is further search required, as a result of the amendments made herein. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered.

Allowed Claims 4 and 6-15

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4 and 6-15 are allowed.

Claim 1 over Shimada

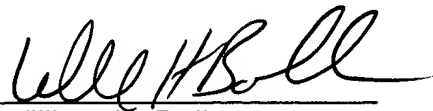
Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,922,073 to Shimada ("Shimada"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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